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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

January 3, 2002

Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement dated November 28, 2001, the due date for response having been extended one (1) month to January 28, 2002, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 20-28 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 20-22, drawn to a method of isolating a desired gene;

Group II, claims 23 a 24, drawn to a polypeptide; and